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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action under date of February 18, 2004, enclosed please find replacement terminal disclaimers responsive to the Examiner's requirements in that office action.

REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that a terminal disclaimer was filed on June 6, 2003, with regard to U.S. Patent No. 6,357,967 and 6,129,486, did not include the "enforceable only during common ownership clause" necessary to overcome a non-statutory double patenting rejection.

Accordingly, applicant submits herein replacement terminal disclaimers regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,357,967 and 6,129,486 in this regard. Please substitute the enclosed terminal disclaimers for the terminal disclaimers previously filed on June 6, 2003. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully solicited.

The Examiner rejected claims 14-17, 19, 21 and 22 under the judicially created document of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,357,967. The Examiner will note that applicant has filed herein a replacement terminal disclaimer requesting disclaimer of the terminal part of any patent granted on the captioned application beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,357,967. Entry of the replacement terminal disclaimer in the captioned application and reconsideration and allowance of applicant's remaining claims 14-17, 19, 21 and 22 as amended in his office action under date of June 3, 2003, is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-11 under the judicially created doctrine of

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